



**Cooperative Conservation in the
Sacramento/San Joaquin Valley
April 5-6, 2006
Merced Area**

**Agenda
(March 20, 2006)**

Wednesday, April 5

1-5 PM Field Tour

The field tour will be to the Grasslands Area and will highlight the accomplishments of the Central Valley Joint Venture. One goal will be to confirm CBC support for the new management plan for this coop program. Bob Shaffer (FWS) and Kari Lewis (DFG) will have the lead in organizing the tour.

6:30 – 9:00 Dinner and Evening Program

Dinner Program: Carol Tomlinson-Keasey , Chancellor, UC Merced
The Chancellor will address the Council on the roles for this new campus in addressing population growth and natural resource management in the Central Valley.

Thursday, April 6

8:30 – 9:15 Welcome, Introductions, Council Announcements, and Report from the Executive Committee

9:15 – 9:30 Summary of the Field Tour to the Grasslands
Fritz Reid, Chairman, Central Valley Habitat Joint Venture

9:30 – 10:30 An overview of the conservation setting the Sacramento/San Joaquin Valley

- **Current and Projected trends in population growth and development** (Michael Teitz, Senior Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California)
- **Social, Economic, and Environmental Conditions** (Carol Whiteside, President, Great Valley Center)

10:30 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – Noon Agency Cooperation – Regional Growth Management

- **State Agency Collaborative efforts (The Governor’s California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, California Blueprint Planning Grant Program, and the Great Places Program)** – Joan Sollenberger, Executive Liaison, California Business, Transportation & Housing Agency
- **Blueprint Planning in the Sacramento Valley Region** – Linda Budge, City Council of Rancho Cordova and member Sacramento Area Council of Governments
- **Challenges for Large-Scale Regional Planning in the San Joaquin Valley** – Rod Mead (consultant)

Noon – 12:45 Lunch

12:45 – 2:00 Agency Cooperation – Resource Conservation

- **State Parks Central Valley Vision** – Ruth Coleman, Director, California Department of Parks and Recreation
- **Central Valley Salmon and Steelhead Recovery Program** – Russ Strach, Assistant Regional Administrator, NOAA Fisheries
- **The Great Places Program** – Luree Stetson, California Department of Conservation

2:00 – 2:30 Considerations for encouraging strong participation by under-served communities in the Central Valley – Chione Flegal, Latino Issues Forum (invited)